

# NEWS

*From the Office of*

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### **BRIEF Statement From County Assessor Bill Postmus on Fire-Damaged Properties**

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County issued the following statement today for owners of destroyed or fire-damaged properties seeking tax relief as a result of this week’s emergencies:

“I am pleased to announce that members of my staff are currently at evacuation centers, assisting property owners who either have confirmed property losses or are expecting lost or severely damaged property. The office of the County Assessor is working diligently to ensure that all necessary documents and forms are being completed by those entitled to tax relief provided under California state law.

“However, for those property owners who are not seeking temporary shelter at an emergency evacuation center, please know you may contact my office via the internet at [www.sbassessor.org](http://www.sbassessor.org) or you may call my office directly, toll-free, at 1-877-885-7654.

Postmus noted that his office had already begun processing the filings of dozens of property owners who completed forms at temporary shelters at the National Orange Show in San Bernardino and the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds in Victorville.

Postmus further announced that after immediate danger has passed, he has directed staff to perform a physical property survey to identify damaged parcels. Adjustments will be initiated by Assessor Bill Postmus for all losses revealed from the field study.

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